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CONTAINER OF WHICH INCLUDES A
TEARABLE WELDING LAYER, AND ITS
MANUFACTURE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all references coming to the attention of each individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application, which are or may be material to the patentability of any claim of the application, Attorneys for Applicant hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the references (AA-AL) listed on the attached revised form PTO 1449 entitled "List of References Cited by Applicants." A legible copy of each reference is provided herewith.

Identification of the listed references is not to be construed as an admission of Applicants or Attorneys for Applicants that such references are available as "prior art" against the subject application. Consequently, Applicants respectfully decline to use form PTO-1449, since this form identifies all of the references cited therein as "Prior Art." As an alternative, Applicants submit herewith a "revised form PTO 1449" entitled "List of References Cited" instead of "List of Prior Art."

None of these references are deemed to negatively impact upon the patentability of the present claims. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the foregoing references and that the references be made of record in the file history of the application by the Examiner's initialing and return of the PTO Form-1449.

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Respectfully submitted,

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